

Listing of the Claims:

The listing of claims below, wherein underlining indicates additions and strikethrough or double bracketing indicates deletions, will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-7. **(Cancelled)**

8. **(Original)** A method of conducting a video conference involving at least first, second and third conference sites connected to a network, the method comprising:

(a) at the first site, acquiring an audio signal and a video signal and generating IP encapsulated audio packets and audio-video packets,

(b) at the second site, acquiring an audio signal and a video signal and generating IP encapsulated audio-video packets,

(c) at the third site, acquiring an audio signal and generating IP encapsulated audio packets,

(d) at the first site, receiving audio-video packets from the second site and generating a second site audio signal and a second site video signal therefrom, displaying a video image based on the second site video signal, receiving audio packets from the third site and generating a third site audio signal therefrom, and combining the second site audio signal and the third site audio signal to generate a first site audio mix signal,

(e) at the second site, receiving audio packets from the first site and generating a first site audio signal therefrom, receiving audio packets from the third site and generating a third site audio signal therefrom, and combining the first site audio signal and the third site audio signal to generate a second site audio mix signal, and

(f) at the third site, receiving audio packets from the first site and generating a first site audio signal therefrom, receiving audio-video packets from the second site and generating a second site audio signal and a second site video signal therefrom, displaying a video image based on the second site video signal, and combining the first site audio signal and the second site audio signal to generate a third site audio mix signal.

9. **(Original)** A method according to claim 8, wherein step (d) comprises requesting audio-video packets from the second site and requesting audio packets from the third site, step (e) comprises requesting audio packets from the first and third sites, and step (f) comprises requesting audio-video packets from the second site and requesting audio packets from the first site.

10. **(Cancelled)**

11. **(Original)** A method of conducting a video conference involving at least first, second and third conference sites connected to an IGMP network, the method comprising, at each site:

- acquiring an audio signal and a video signal and generating IP encapsulated audio packets and IP encapsulated audio-video packets,

- and further comprising, at the first site:

- requesting audio-video packets from the second site,

- receiving audio-video packets from the second site, generating a second site audio signal and a second site video signal therefrom, and displaying a video image based on the second site video signal,

- receiving audio packets from the third site and generating a third site audio signal therefrom, and

- combining the second site audio signal and the third site audio signal and generating a first site audio mix signal,

- and at the second site:

- receiving audio packets from the first site and generating a first site audio signal therefrom,

- receiving audio packets from the third site and generating a third site audio signal therefrom, and

- combining the first site audio signal and the third site audio signal and generating a second site audio mix signal,

and at the third site:

receiving audio packets from the first site and generating a first site audio signal therefrom,

requesting audio-video packets from the second site,

receiving audio-video packets from the second site, generating a second site audio signal and a second site video signal therefrom, and displaying a video image based on the second site video signal, and

combining the first site audio signal and the second site audio signal and generating a third site audio mix signal.